

TRANSLATION OF THE OFFICIAL LETTER

The subject matter of claim 1 of the present application is "an adaptor." Claim 1 is characterized in that at least one accommodation recess is made in the adaptor body and the adaptor body comprises at least one smooth external surface for attaching the adaptor to the frame or furniture carcass by means of a suitable adhesive. In Taiwan Patent Publication No. 441433 published on June 16, 2001 (see attachment), a "fastening device" is mounted on a frame by screws. The primary technical feature of claim 1 is that the adaptor comprises "at least one external surface by way of which it can be fixed to the frame" by an adhesive. The techniques in this application and the cited reference are techniques known in the prior art. Claim 1 can be easily accomplished by an ordinarily skilled person in the relevant art. Claim 1 does not involve an "inventive step."

Paragraph IV of Article 22 of the Patent Act, which prescribes the requirements of the "inventive step," is provided for your reference.

Article 22(IV)

Notwithstanding the absence of the conditions set forth in Paragraph One of this Article, if the proposed invention can be easily accomplished by any ordinarily skilled person in the relevant art based on existing prior art before the application for patent is filed, no invention patent should be granted for such proposed invention under this Law.

Translation of claim 1 of Taiwan Patent Publication No. 441433

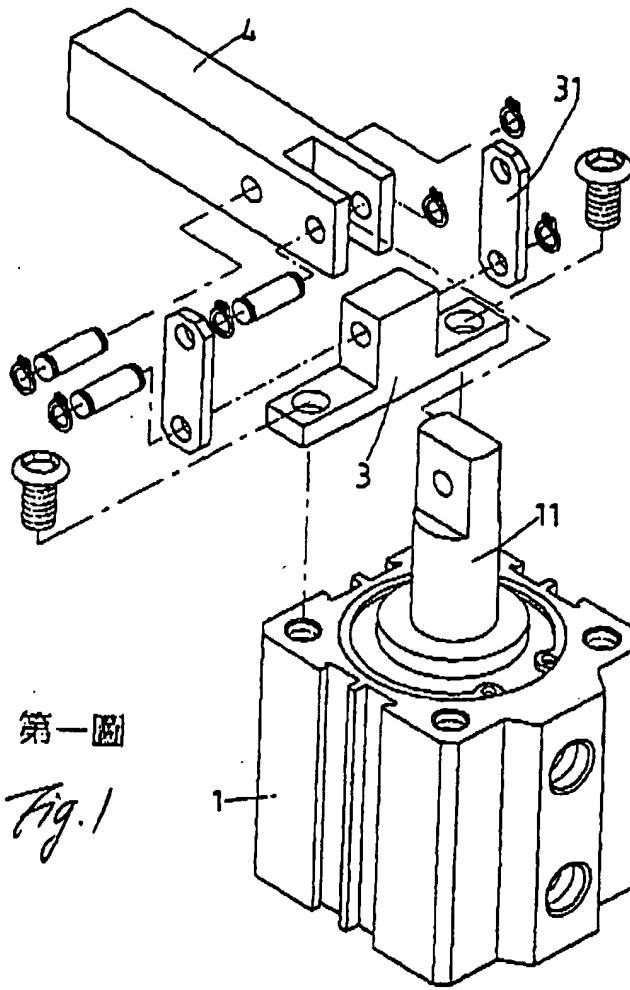
1. A fastening device consisting of a cylinder (1), a manually operated valve (2), a frame (3) and a pressing rod (4); the cylinder (1) and the manually operated valve (2) are mounted on a work table and are in communication with each other through tubes; the manually operated valve (2) is operated to lift and lower the piston rod (11) in the cylinder (1); characterized in that:

the frame (3) is mounted on the top of the housing of the cylinder (1);

holders (31) are pivotally mounted on the lateral sides of the frame (3) to pivotally connect one end of the pressing rod (4); and

the end of the pressing rod (4) is further connected to the upper end of the piston rod (11);

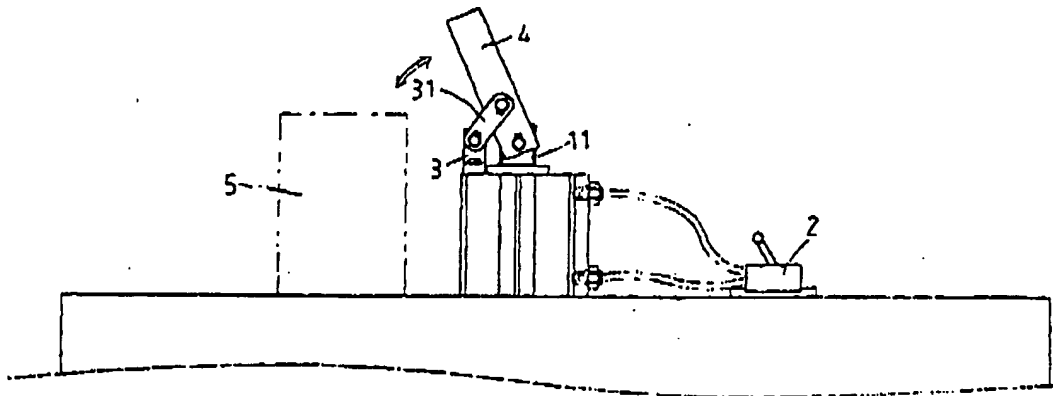
in use, the manually operated valve (2) is operated to lift the piston rod (11) in the cylinder (1); the piston rod (11) then pushes up the end of the pressing rod (4); consequently, the other end of the pressing rod (4) presses against a workpiece.



Cited Reference

第一圖

Fig. 1



第二圖 *Fig. 2*